



Morna International College

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SUCCESSFUL START TO ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME

The activities programme, combining the IPAMIC after school club with the music classes and sports teams got off to a good start this month. Around 120 pupils have become involved in one or more activities. We hope that the offer will continue to grow and that all of you will be able to enjoy the fruits of these clubs through concerts, theatre productions and school participation in competitions

NEW CLASSROOMS OPENED

The new classroom block for Key Stage 1 was inaugurated on Monday 3rd October. This was followed by two secondary classes moving to the main secondary block and as a result of this the school will be able to set up a dining room/ assembly hall in the near future.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

Results from candidates entered for IGCSE, AS and 'A' level examinations last June were received during the summer break. The results were pleasing: pupils achieved an overall 64% A* to C pass rate in IGCSE, (higher than the UK national average) and 100% pass rate in AS and A level. Six of the eight pupils that completed Year 11 gained 5 or more IGCSE passes and there were some outstanding individual performances, one pupil achieving 11 IGCSE's of grades A*, A or B.

NEW STUDENT COUNCIL GETS STARTED.

All classes in the secondary section have chosen their representatives for the student council. The council meet each month to help organise activities such as house competitions, fund raising for charity, concerts and other events. They also represent their classes, putting forward suggestions or discussing any issues that concern them. While the council is essentially focused on the Secondary school the Primary section house captains also attend the meetings to represent the Primary section.

The first meeting took place on Friday 23rd September and a number of ideas were brought forward and discussed with a mature debate which did credit to the representatives.

The reps are:

Year 6: Nikita Cretu (Tagomago)
Franziska Kaufhold (Espalmador)
Sayana Cairo (Conejera)

Year 7: Jaime Thompson (Espalmador)
Claudia Pinedo (Conejera)
Pablo Keizman (Tagomago)

Year 8: Jackson Braghieri (Tagomago)
Tom Peppe (Espalmador)
Talei Perren (Conejera)

Year 9: Kirsty Keatch (Tagomago)
Louisa Becker (Espalmador)
Janina Heinrichs (Conejera)

Years 10/11:
Julios Oschmann (Tagomago)
Ambra Peci-Malik (Espalmador)
Volver Kaufhold (Conejera)

Years 12/13:
Bettina Ruehl

INTER-HOUSE FOOTBALL COMPETITION

The first senior house competition took place on Friday 7th October in the form of a Football tournament. The houses played three games following standard football league fixtures. The results were as follows:

Conejera vs Espalmador: 4 – 0

Conejera vs Tagomago: 1 – 1

Tagomago vs Espalmador 3 – 3

Therefore, without need for any further play-offs Conejera were declared winners with Tagomago in second place.

This left the overall housepoints situation in Secondary as follows:

Conejera 1000 points

Espalmador 720 points

Tagomago. 835 points

The next competition will be a general knowledge quiz, taking place in November.

MUSIC ON MONDAY AFTERNOON

An outstanding presentation concert, offered by our music teacher Johnny Hocking and the musicians that are offering extra-curricular classes (Samantha Irving, Nigel Fear, Dennis Herming, Jose Lluís Rodrigues and Clair Shaffer), took place on Monday 26th September. It was attended by all classes in the school and many of their parents as well. The ‘surprise’ items featured Bob Evans who abandoned his Humanities books for the afternoon and gave us an impressive saxophone recital, and an improvised school chorus combining teachers (Emma Coey, Sarah Booth, Anita Avey and Connie Rathgeb) and pupils (Bettina Ruehl and Eleonora Rossi).

ECLIPSE

On Monday 3rd October pupils took advantage of an “only a few times in a lifetime” opportunity to witness a solar eclipse. The partial phase started during the first lesson of the morning and the eclipse reached its maximum (annular phase) just before break time, at which point clouds made viewing rather difficult. Safety procedures had been reviewed beforehand and pupils made correct use of their solar filters. The moon got “out of the way” just before lunchtime and normality was resumed.

YEAR 7 OUTING

On Tuesday 11th October Year 7 visited the “Museo Etnológico” in Santa Eulalia accompanied by their Spanish teachers. They were able to see traditional methods for making wine and olive oil and other examples of how the “Payeses” lived in Ibiza in the (not too distant) past.

AMENDMENTS TO SCHOOL CALENDAR.

The school calendar for the current academic year is being amended to include Spanish national holidays. The overall number of teaching days will not be significantly affected as adjustments will also be made to some half term breaks.

REPORTS

Interim reports will be published for all Primary and Secondary pupils on Friday 21st October. These will give a brief summary of progress and hence provide useful information for the parent-teacher meetings schedules to take place at the start of November.